

**California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Los Angeles Region**

**Executive Officer's Report
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A. SURFACE WATER UPDATES

Surface Water Conference

Planning is continuing for the Surface Water TMDL Conference to be held this September 29th. The conference is intended to be a detailed discussion of TMDLs including the participation of key participants from USEPA, dischargers, and interested parties. A full day program is being developed that will cover broad policy issues and detailed technical considerations of TMDL development.

Industrial Storm Water Program

Annual Industrial Stormwater Reports are due for all Industrial Stormwater General facility's on July 1, 1999. A Stormwater Newsletter was mailed out to notify the regulated community of this upcoming deadline and provide an overview of the Stormwater Regulations. Administrative Civil Liabilities (ACL's) against facilities that have not submitted annual reports for previous years are progressing. Of the three ACL's prepared for the May 27, 1999 Board meeting, one was continued to the July 8, 1999 Board meeting with the remaining 2 being resolved. Three new ACL's were prepared for facilities that failed to submit Annual Reports for the June 30, 1999 and July 8, 1999 Board meetings, respectively.

Raw Sewage Spill Caused by Landslide at Rancho Palos Verdes

On June 2, 1999, a landslide severed about 700 feet of a 27-inch diameter trunk sewer from its adjoining sections. This caused a spill of raw sewage estimated at 775,000 gallons from 11:15 a.m. on June 2 to 12:20 p. m. on June 3, 1999. The trunk sewer is a reinforced concrete pipe operated by the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Districts). The severed portion underlies the 18th fairway of the newly constructed Ocean Trails Golf Course that is located at the intersection of Palos Verdes Drive South and Paseo del Mar in the City of Palos Verdes. The cause of the landslide is not clear and is under investigation.

To stop the sewage spill, the Districts rerouted the sewage flow by constructing temporary sewer lines on the ground surface around the perimeter of the slide area, and using trailer mounted

engine-driven pumps. The Districts is constructing a temporary pump station to provide a more reliable system for diverting the flow from the damaged portion of the trunk sewer before a permanent replacement sewer is constructed.

The Regional Board staff inspected the site in the afternoon of June 2, 1999. The spilled sewage ponded in the slide area and visual inspection at each end of the slide area showed no signs of sewage flowing into the ocean. The Districts reported that by June 4, 1999, there were no more signs of ponding except for dampness in the soil.

The Districts implemented an enhanced bacteriological monitoring program on the surrounding receiving water from June 2 to June 9, 1999. Five additional receiving water stations were added to the regular 12 shore and nearshore stations. Samples were taken in the morning and in the afternoon for analyses of total coliform, fecal and enterococcus. The results of the monitoring were within the expected normal range and confirmed that the spilled sewage was contained within the slide area and no sewage reached the ocean.

Stormwater Management Program

On June 23, 1999, The Executive Officer requested the City of Los Angeles Stormwater program to submit a brief report identifying its policies, training guidance, and other documentation regarding its approach to enforcement of stormwater ordinances. Specifically requested is documentation of the number of penalty actions taken by the City to enforce instances where illegal discharges of pollutants to the municipal stormdrain system have taken place.

The Executive Officer met with senior managers at Caltrans District 7 to discuss the possibility of conducting a study of litter generation at Freeway off and on ramps to determine the effect of various interventions, e.g., signage and enforcement, on litter generation. Initial discussions have been very positive and staff contacts have been made to begin to develop the protocol for the study.

The Executive Officer met with senior managers at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works to discuss the concept of a design competition for engineering students this fall. The concept would be for students to design structures that would intercept trash/litter from flowing into larger storm system channels. The study would focus on catch basins, stormdrain outlets to channels, and smaller storm system channels. Conceptual agreement was reached for support of this effort.

The Executive Officer met with representatives of the City of Los Angeles Stormwater program to discuss the scope of stormwater catch basin management by the City. The discussion covered the array of activities being conducted by the City including catch basin cleaning and the documentation of that effort. Included was observation of a crew from the City engaged in cleaning a catch basin in downtown Los Angeles and the unique problems associated with this program in an area of high litter generation.

B. TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS (TMDLs)

Santa Clara River - Chloride TMDL Workshops

In January 1997, the Regional Board adopted a Chloride Policy (Resolution No. 97-02: Amendment to the California Regional Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region, to incorporate a Policy for Addressing Levels of Chloride in Discharges of Wastewaters). This policy, in part, directs staff to work with concerned parties to consider revision of chloride objectives and/or wasteload allocations to ensure that all beneficial uses are adequately protected chloride. On April 7, 1999, staff held a public workshop to discuss the chloride objectives and the elements of a TMDL to protect the beneficial uses. Current loading levels, possible future allocations and possible implementation plans were discussed. Public comments were collected and documented during the

following 45 days.

On June 11, 1999, staff held a small group meeting in response to public comments concerning chloride concentrations in the groundwater. The group discussed existing surface and groundwater sampling, agreed to collect copies of historical data in a data base to be maintained by the Board and set up a technical committee which will meet in July to draft a plan for ongoing groundwater monitoring.

On July 2, 1999, from 9:00 am to 11:00 pm at Ventura County Administration Building, 3rd Floor Multi-Purpose Room, 800 South Victoria Blvd., Ventura, Regional Board staff will be conducting a workshop (their fourth such workshop), to discuss a TMDL plan for the Santa Clara River which incorporates the results of the groundwater monitoring plan and stakeholder comments from the April 7 workshop. Board staff Jonathon Bishop and Elizabeth Erickson will be presenting staff's recommendation and seeking public comment. Please call Jon Bishop at (213) 576-6681 or Elizabeth Erickson at (213) 576-6683 should you have any questions.

Calleguas Creek - Chloride TMDL Workshops

On June 4, 1999, a public meeting was held at Calleguas Municipal Water District to discuss the elements of a TMDL plan for chloride in the Calleguas Creek Watershed. Regional Board staff Jonathon Bishop and Elizabeth Erickson presented descriptions of chloride impairment for reaches within the Calleguas watershed, the loading sources for chloride, a spread sheet characterizing current average loading levels, a possible allocation strategy based on the existing 150 mg/l basin plan objective, and possible implementation plans. Participant comments focused on better definition of the location of agricultural use, loading from groundwater recharge and natural sources, designation of reaches and site-specific objectives. Further public comment and water quality data were requested. A small group meeting to characterize agricultural beneficial use and reach designation will be scheduled during July.

On September 24, 1999, from 10:00 pm to 12:30 pm at Calleguas Municipal Water District, 2100 Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks, California, 91360-6800, Regional Board staff Jonathon Bishop and Elizabeth Erickson will be presenting the TMDL draft for public comment prior to the Board presentation scheduled for December 9. Participants are encouraged to provide input on the TMDL elements during the preparation of this draft and its circulation for peer review in August. Please call Jon Bishop at (213) 576-6681 or Elizabeth Erickson at (213) 576-6683 should you have any questions.

Los Angeles River and Ballona Creek Trash TMDL Workshops

The first workgroup meeting for the Los Angeles River and Ballona Creek trash TMDLs was held on June 9 at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works building in Alhambra. Dennis Dickerson and Jon Bishop facilitated the discussion among 40 stakeholders from the public, private and non-profit sectors. The diverse groups provided a wealth of comments and issues. To address these issues, subgroups were formed and will meet approximately once a month to address the following: problem statement, source analysis, monitoring, numeric targets, load allocations, and implementation. The current schedule calls for presentation of both TMDLs to this Board in June 2000.

C. ENFORCEMENT & REMEDIATION

Consolidated Toxic Hot Spots Cleanup Plan

The State Water Resources Control Board adopted the Consolidated Toxic Hot Spots Cleanup Plan on June 17, 1999. This statewide plan contains each Regional Board's cleanup plan, including the

Los Angeles Regional Cleanup Plan. The plan identifies eight sites in the Los Angeles Region as "Toxic Hot Spots". Five of the sites (Palos Verdes Shelf, Mugu Lagoon/Calleguas Creek, Consolidated Slip/Dominguez Channel, Cabrillo Pier, McGrath Lake) were designated as high priority sites, so the cleanup plan contains a characterization of each site and a preliminary assessment of actions to address the problems identified. Three of the sites (Los Angeles River Estuary, Marina Del Rey Entrance Channel, Marina Del Rey) were designated as moderate priority sites; additional information will be needed to develop a detailed characterization and preliminary assessment of remediation alternatives in the future.

Each Regional Board will be required to begin a reevaluation of Waste Discharge Requirements associated with high priority known toxic hot spots within 120 days after final approval of the Consolidated Toxic Hot Spots Cleanup Plan by the Office of Legislative and Public Affairs. This reevaluation will consist of an assessment of the WDRs that may influence the creation or further pollution of the known toxic hot spot, an assessment of which WDRs need to be modified to improve environmental conditions at the known toxic hot spot, and a schedule for completion of any WDR modifications deemed appropriate. In addition, the Regional Boards should move forward to implement the cleanup plans and remediate known toxic hot spots. State Board identified a variety of potential existing funding sources that could be used to fund portions of the cleanup plan and recommended that the California Legislature consider augmenting the SWRCB budget with funds to begin implementation of the actions identified for high priority known toxic hot spots. In the absence of specific funding for cleanup actions, the Regional Board will attempt to integrate these activities into other ongoing programs (e.g., Watershed Management, Contaminated Sediments Task Force, EPA Superfund).

On June 22nd, Board members David Nahai and Michael Keston, joined by the Executive Officer Jim Kuykendall, Assistant Executive Officer, met with Malibu Mayor Keller and Councilmember Van Horn, City Manager Harry Peacock, and City Staff Vic Peterson to further explore the concepts of an investigation of suspected water quality impacts associated with septic systems in the City of Malibu. At the meeting, the City submitted a report on water quality issues in the area prepared by Woodward Clyde consultants. In technical discussions between City and Regional Board staff earlier in the month, the Executive Officer offered to submit a detailed technical proposal to the City for consideration by the City at an upcoming City Council meeting. This proposal was submitted to the City on June 22nd. The proposal details a comprehensive monitoring investigation to collect extensive data this summer from numerous sampling points in Malibu Creek, Malibu Lagoon, and the surf zone along a distance either side of the outlet of Malibu Lagoon to the ocean. The investigation would call for 12 weeks of intensive sampling to collect data on several water quality parameters at as many as 60 sampling locations. Discussions with the City are continuing to bring this matter to the City Council on July 12th.

MUN Dedications

On November 2, 1998, the Regional Board voted to amend the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region (Basin Plan), by adopting a resolution to "Incorporate Changes in Beneficial Use Designations for Selected Waters." This amendment removes the beneficial use designation for "Municipal and Domestic Supply" (MUN) from 8 coastal surface waters and 2 ground water areas along the coast. At a public hearing on February 18, 1999, the State Board voted to approve this amendment. On June 2, 1999, the State Board submitted the amendment to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL), which should complete review of this proposed regulatory action by July 6, 1999. Pending approval from OAL, the surface water portion of the amendment may be reviewed by the US EPA.

Oxnard Forebay: Proposed Septic Prohibition

In response to Resolution No. 98-022, adopted on December 14, 1998, Regional Board staff issued a Draft Staff Report for a prohibition on septic systems in the Oxnard Forebay. Staff have also

conducted three public workshops, at which the public has expressed concerns regarding availability of funding for construction of sewers, and pollutants from sources other than septic, such as vegetable/fruit washwater and stormwater runoff from industrial facilities. To be fully considered and included in a Responsiveness Summary, written comments should be submitted to Rick Vergets (213-576-6688) by July 8th. The Responsiveness summary will be available to the public by late July. The Board will consider the proposed prohibition and public comments during a Board meeting on August 12, 1999 in the Camarillo City Council Chambers.

D. GROUNDWATER UPDATES

Charnock Sub-basin MTBE Investigation Area

At present there are 25 active sites in the Charnock Sub-Basin. Of the 25 active sites, site assessment has been completed in 17 sites, whereas there are 8 sites where additional site assessment is either underway or planned to be performed in the near future. Groundwater monitoring is being performed at all the sites. Quarterly groundwater monitoring reports are received, reviewed, and commented upon on within a short time. Three sites have submitted site remedial action plans. The remedial action plans have been approved for all three sites. For two sites, tentative NPDES permit packages have been mailed out for presentation to the Regional Board for the July meeting.

Staff performs a project status update telephone conference with the interested parties and USEPA. Staff also attends meetings and participates in telephone conferences to discuss the pilot project cleanup alternatives for the remediation of the groundwater.

Staff and EPA had issued unilateral Cleanup and Abatement Orders (CAO) to CONOCO on April 20, 1999. CONOCO has filed a petition with the State Board, which in turn has requested that the Regional Board hear the case. It is anticipated that staff will make a presentation to the Board in the August meeting. In the meantime, CONOCO is required to comply with the unilateral order issued by EPA.

The agencies are considering an alternative course of action to determine the best method to cleanup the Charnock Sub-Basin and commence groundwater production activities.

Arcadia Wellfield MTBE Investigation

The shallow aquifer in the vicinity of the former Mobil Oil Company Service Station 18-LDM has been treated with a pump and treat system. The treatment system is capable of pumping 35 gallon per minutes (GPM) of extracted groundwater water. Currently, approximately 5 to 6 GPM of groundwater are being pumped from 12 groundwater extraction wells. To date, the treatment system has pumped 4.3 million gallons of groundwater and removed an estimated 42 pounds of gasoline hydrocarbons and 158 pounds of MTBE. The remaining impacted soil in the vadose zone is being treated with a vapor extraction system (VES) which became operational at the beginning May 1999.

A Production Aquifer Remediation System (PARS) using activated carbon filtering to clean up the production aquifer has been designed and submitted for agencies' for final review. Mobil is in the process of applying for a variance from the City of Los Angeles to construct the groundwater treatment system at the former Mobil Service Station site. Construction of PARS is expected to start in July 1999, pending variance approval from the City of Los Angeles.

A Remedial Action Plan to clean up the MTBE contamination in the lower aquifer was approved on May 21, 1999. An NPDES permit for the discharge of treated groundwater during pilot testing of the SAVRS/PARS was adopted on May 27, 1999. Mobil has begun the installation of three additional

extraction wells south of the Brentwood Fault.

Underground Storage Tank (UST) Working Group Meeting

The sixth UST Working Group meeting was held at Regional Board office on May 25, 1999. A total of 18 people attended the meeting. The attendance represented environmental consultants, local regulatory agencies, municipal government, environmental lawyer, environmental organization, real estate company, and Regional Board staff.

Ms. Teri Copeland, a consulting toxicologist, and Dr. Denise Clendening of URS Greiner Woodward-Clyde Consultants presented two respective case studies in application of the risk assessment approach to petroleum impacted sites. Regional Board staff, David Bacharowski, presented information on the Assembly Bill 681 regarding notification to the property owners for the petroleum impacted sites, and an overview of the

Governor's Executive Order D-5-99 regarding MTBE.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for mid-September 1999. The topics of interest identified by the Working Group members included (1) GIS mapping progress in response to the Governor's D-5-99 Order, (2) micro-biology of natural attenuation, (3) alternative cleanup technology for UST sites, and (4) EPA Method 5035 as specified in USEPA SW-846, version III (12/96).

LUTS Program RWQCB/SWRCB/LIA/LOP/ Meeting

On May 26, 1999, the Regional Boards UST Program hosted the periodic Local Agency, meeting. In attendance were representatives from eleven of the fifteen local underground storage tank agencies within the Los Angeles Region and representatives from the State Board. The focus of these periodic meetings is to provide a forum to discuss and share current underground storage tank activities within the separate jurisdictions, provide technical information updates, training, and for future planning purposes. The next meeting is scheduled for mid-September 1999.

MTBE Ad Hoc Committee

On May 18, 1999, Regional Board staff, Yue Rong (Underground Storage Tank Section), was invited to speak at local MTBE Ad Hoc committee sponsored by the England and Associates, and held at the Cal-State Fullerton campus. The topic of the speech was "A Study of Groundwater Plume Length of MTBE in Los Angeles." Dr. Yue Rong presented the MTBE data obtained at leaking underground storage tank sites within our region and an analysis of the data. In attendance were about 20 people representing consultants, oil companies, and other related industries. The attendees showed great interests in the presentation.

As a follow-up, on June 15, 1999, Regional Board staff, David Bacharowski, presented members of the MTBE Ad Hoc Committee with an update on MTBE related activities within the Los Angeles Region, and participated in a panel discussion on MTBE with representatives from the Santa Ana Regional Board and the Orange County Water District.

Public Outreach

Ventura County Environmental Health Department (VCEHD)-Public Forum About MTBE

Regional Board underground storage tank program staff David Bacharowski, participated in the VCEHD-Public Forum about MTBE held in Ventura on May 17, 1999. The focus of the forum was to provide current information on the status of underground storage tank upgrades, what is MTBE and

why it is in gasoline, impacts to surface and groundwater from MTBE, potential future threats from MTBE in Ventura County, Regional Board activities related to MTBE, and an introduction to the Governors Executive Order D-5-99, and a public question and answer period. The public forum was sponsored by the United Conservation Water District and presentations on topics related to MTBE and its impacts on the environment were given by representatives from the United Conservation Water District, Ventura County Environmental Health Department -Underground Storage Tank Local Oversight Program, Metropolitan Water District, and the Regional Board.

Southern California Conference on Pollution in the Environment

On April 24, 1999, Gay Norris, represented the Regional Board at Explorer Post 411's Southern California Conference on Pollution in the Environment (SCCOPE) held in Malibu, California. SCCOPE was attended by 65 students from Granada Hills High School and Kennedy High School. The students and their sponsors attended three of the four offered sessions. Presentations to the high school students included "Stormwater Pollution and Water Quality." Other presenters included representatives from the Los Angeles City Fire Department - Forestry, IT Corporation, and South Coast Air Quality Management District.

This outreach was also used as an opportunity to hand out job information, including; 1) "How to get a job with the State", 2) list of current student intern openings and job descriptions, 3) job descriptions for WRCE and EG, 4) list of environmentally related jobs available with the state requiring an AA or BA/BS degree, 4) Los Angeles Regional Board's mission statement, and 5) a copy of the "State of the Bay" brochure.

Completion of Corrective Action at Leaking Underground Fuel Storage Tank Sites

Board staff have reviewed corrective actions taken for soil and groundwater contamination problems from leaking UST's for the time of May 13, 1999, through June 15, 1999, and determined that no further corrective actions are required:

Former Auto Fueling Station, Los Angeles (900040070)
Beach City Chevrolet & Geo, Signal Hill (I-10859)
Thrifty Oil Company Service Station No. 260, Redondo Beach (R-10950)
Former Hartley & Nixon Rentals Facility, Montebelo (I-15140)
ARCO) Service Station No. 6006, Santa Clarita (R-00629)
Former Larry's Service Station, Los Angeles (R-16351)
Chevron USA Service Station No. 9-7829, West Covina (I-09937)
ARCO Service Station No. 0073, Culver City (R-07112)
ARCO Service Station No. 1048, Pomona (R-12048)
Shell Oil Company Service Station No. 204-1944-1801, Culver City (902300116)
Texaco Service Station No.61-058-0340, Gorman (R-06046)
Chevron USA Service Station No. 9-0769T, West Hollywood (900690016)

E. COASTAL WATERS/ WATERSHEDS UPDATES

Calleguas Creek Watershed

The Water Quality/Water Resources Subcommittee met on June 4. The Subcommittee is currently in the process of drafting a Water Resources/Water Quality Chapter in the Calleguas Creek Watershed Management Plan. Subcommittee members have developed a list of their goals and objectives for water quality and water resources and are working to clarify participants' goals and objectives, identify possible solutions to problems, pinpoint concrete actions which will be taken to address the problems, filter out long-term from short-term goals, and reach agreement on what issues to deal with first. Agricultural best management practices (BMPs) and concerns over use of

household water softeners and their contributions of chlorides to treatment plants are two early action items that have been identified. The June 4 meeting included a presentation by Regional Board staff on preliminary information regarding a chloride TMDL for the watershed.

The Flood Protection/Sedimentation Subcommittee last met on May 10. They are currently involved with discussions on conducting a hydrologic study of the watershed and the need for historic photographs to evaluate changes in sedimentation over time.

The Public Education/Outreach Subcommittee has completed the first edition of a newsletter to cover watershed issues and events. It will eventually have its own website with links to other web pages. The group is currently organizing a state of the watershed conference that will be held at the new California State University Channel Islands campus.

The Habitat/Recreation Subcommittee met on June 8 and continues work on a wetlands study which includes a habitat mapping component.

The Steering Committee for the Watershed Management Plan last met on May 24 and continues work on its expectations/products for 1999. A draft Table of Contents for the Calleguas Creek Watershed Management Plan being developed has been prepared.

The full Management Committee met on May 24. Information about the management committee and its subcommittees can be found at <www.calleguas.com>.

The Surface Water Element of the Calleguas Creek Characterization Study Monitoring Program continues. Samples are collected on the first Wednesday of each month.

Los Angeles River Watershed

The Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council meets on the third Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be held on June 16. The Friends of the LA River now has a Los Angeles River e-mail discussion forum. To subscribe, e-mail to <la-river-discuss-subscribe@makelist.com>.

Santa Monica Bay Watershed

The Modeling and Monitoring Subcommittee of the Malibu Creek Watershed Advisory Council has drafted a watershed-wide monitoring program for the Malibu Creek Watershed. The group last met on May 6; a draft monitoring program has been distributed to stakeholders for comment. A major task soon will be finding partners to participate in this voluntary program to assess and help correct the water quality concerns in this area.

A meeting of the Malibu Creek Watershed Council and Malibu Lagoon Task Force was held on April 20. The Task Force is concerned with lagoon breaching, the septic tracer study, and all aspects of the UCLA study of the lagoon. The Watershed Council meeting included a discussion of the UCLA study's draft findings and reports on subcommittee's activities. The UCLA study covers a hydrologic evaluation, appropriateness of various biological and water quality objectives, water level management, eutrophication issues, pathogens, and the historical condition of the lagoon. The study was funded by a California Coastal Conservancy grant with assistance by local agencies. UCLA conducted a half-day workshop on April 30 to discuss their draft report. Regional Board staff have commented on a copy of the report which should be finalized sometime this summer. The next meeting of the Watershed Council and the Task Force is scheduled for June 15 at the Malibu Public Library.

A watershed committee has been meeting in the Topanga Creek Watershed. The most recent meeting was held on May 13, which consisted of a short workshop on the care of septic systems. A major near-term goal of this watershed committee is to prioritize potential actions previously identified in a draft Topanga Creek Watershed Management Study and start a coordinated resource management planning (CRMP) process. A longer-term goal is preparation of a watershed management plan that will help address a number of issues including flood control in the canyon. The next meeting of the watershed committee is scheduled for June 19 and will consist of a creek cleanup. The committee's website address is <http://www.TopangaOnline.com/twc/>.

A newly formed Technical Advisory Committee to the Topanga Creek Water Quality Study (funded through 205(j) monies) will meet for the first time on June 15 to help guide the project.

Watershed Management Initiative Chapter

Each Regional Board has completed the process of producing a "chapter" on how that Board is implementing watershed management in the Region. The consolidated statewide chapter will become the basis for funding decisions including allocating money for monitoring, TMDL development, and grant monies disbursement. This Region's Chapter was last updated in May 1999. Copies of this Region's Chapter and/or its Executive Summary may be obtained by contacting the Regional Board office, Regional Programs Section secretary. The document may also be sent out electronically (in MSWord6.0). Additionally, the Executive Summary will be posted on the Regional Board's webpage this summer.

319(h)/205(j) Request for Proposals

Proposals for 319(h)/205(j) grant funds were due postmarked to the Regional Board, State Board, and USEPA no later than June 11, 1999. Staff will review and rank the proposals; the ranked list will then be sent to State Board. Preliminary statewide ranking will be undertaken by the Watershed Management Initiative (WMI) Workgroup on July 27 and 28, 1999. After further management review, a recommended ranking will be brought before the State Board for adoption in September or October. Final funding is subject to USEPA approval.

F. OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

On May 19, Caltrans held an all-day workshop on "Managing Litter in StormWater" at the Los Angeles Convention Center. Dennis Dickerson spoke on future Litter Regulations and Jon Bishop gave an overview of trash TMDLs in the Region. Both presentations were well received by a large audience of professionals from the private, public and non-profit sectors. This workshop offered a wealth of information and touched upon many issues pertaining to litter management.

On June 5, a group of Long Beach community and environmental leaders gathered at the Long Beach "Restore the Shore" conference. Jon Bishop served on the Community Safety Panel, which highlighted "Water Quality Issues in Long Beach." Assemblyman Alan Lowenthal moderated the Business Growth Panel, in which our Board Member David Nahai participated to discuss "Reconciliation of Economic, Social and Environmental Goals."

At the June 8 workshop on "Total Maximum Daily Loads: A Public Perspective," organized by the Water Resource Committee of the Southern California Chapter of APWA at the Carson Community Center in Carson, a variety of different points of view on the TMDL process were presented. Jon Bishop gave a presentation on TMDLs in the Los Angeles Region as part of a panel discussion on the TMDL process in Southern California.

On June 10th, the Executive Officer presented an overview of TMDL issues and specific information

on the Regional Board's Trash TMDL efforts to a meeting of the Southern California Coalition for Pollution Prevention in San Diego.

G. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Personnel Report

As of the month of June our staff total was 106: 87 technical staff (including 3 part-time technical staff), 5 permanent administrative support staff and 14 permanent clerical staff.

Staff is currently taking steps to fill 1 Unit Chief position, 16 technical positions and 1 clerical staff position. Since April the following appointments have been made: 1 Water Resource Control Engineer and 1 Environmental Specialist III.

Freedom of Information Act and Public Records Act Requests for the month of May 1999

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests and Public Record Act (PRA) requests to review or copy public documents are a very important part of the work at the Regional Board. The FOIA and PRA cover most of the documents at the Regional Board. The State legislature adopted statutory language requiring that these requests be tracked by the Regional Boards. The FOIA and PRA require agencies to provide a response on the availability of the requested document within 10 working days (FOIA) or 10 calendar days (PRA) of receiving the request. The Regional Board has a procedure to respond to, and a database to track, these requests.

During the month of May 1999, 16 FOIA / PRA requests were received and processed. A response was provided within the mandated time frame for all requests but one. In that case the Regional Board had no files for the facilities requested.

SUMMARY OF ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS - MAY 1 TO 31, 1999

Formal Enforcement Actions

Cleanup and Abatement Order	2
Administrative Civil Liability	4

Administrative Enforcement Actions

Permit violations	1
Pretreatment program deficiencies	3

Administrative Enforcement Actions for Overdue / Incomplete Reports

Groundwater monitoring reports	13
Other technical reports	3
Site assessment plans	3
Site assessment reports	3
Site remedial action plans	2

Administrative Enforcement Actions for Stormwater Permits

Failed to comply with permit requirements	3
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Total Enforcement Actions for May	37
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SPILLS REPORTED DURING MAY 1999

Chemical	20
Crude oil	3
Diesel	15
Gasoline	4
Miscellaneous petroleum products	10
Oil	7
Other	6
Sewage	8
Waste water	1
Vapors	14
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Total	88

SPILLS WHICH ENTERED WATERWAYS OR WATERS

Chemical	4
Crude oil	1
Diesel	10
Gasoline	0
Miscellaneous petroleum products	5
Oil	1
Other	5
Sewage	7
Waste water	1
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Total	34